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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6149
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MOPS
SUBJECT: FIRST FRENCH CASUALTIES IN RECENT FIGHTING

1. HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
THAT ON JAN. 28 CHADIAN MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANE
CARRYING THREE FRENCHMEN AND ONE CHADIAN WAS DOWNED
BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE NORTH OF FAYA LARGEAU ON
ROUTINE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT. DOWNING OF PLANE
WAS KNOWN TO GARRISON AND GROUND FORCE WAS DISPATCHED
TO THE SCENE. THIS FORCE WAS REPULSED BY REBEL BAND.

2. THE NEXT DAY HELICOPTERS AND ANOTHER TRANSPORT
WERE SENT FROM NDJAMENA TO FAYA LARGEAU TO ASSIST
IN RESCUE OPERATION. THE TRANSPORT PLANE, CARRYING
MINISTER ZAKARIA AND THREE FRENCH OFFICERS, DETOURED
FROM DIRECT FLIGHT PATH TO SEE SCENE OF EARLIER
INCIDENT. THIS TRANSPORT IN TURN WAS HIT BY ANTI-
AIRCRAFT FIRE. HOWEVER, IT MANAGED TO GET NEARLY
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ALL THE WAY BACK TO FAYA LARGEAU BEFORE CRASH
LANDING.

3. APPARENTLY NONE OF SECOND CREW KILLED BUT
THERE MAY HAVE BEEN INJURIES. FATE OF FIRST CREW
IS UNKNOWN.

4. COMMENT: IT WAS ONLY MATTER OF TIME UNTIL
LIBYAN INTRODUCED ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS MANAGED
TO HIT SOMETHING. THE INEVITABLE HAS NOW HAPPENED.
ASSUME THERE WILL BE A STRONG EMOTIONAL REACTION
IN FRANCE WHEN THE NEWS OF THE LOSS IS PUBLISHED.BRADFORD

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